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Amber Rehill
gives Jiminey a
snuggle at his new
Dartmouth home
on Thursday.
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Follow suit, Nova Scotia

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Student group calling for a break on tuition



**Sarah
Rae**
For Metro | Halifax

With another province offering free tuition to students from low-income families this year, students in Nova Scotia think their government needs to step up and do the same.

Michaela Sam, chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students Nova Scotia, said Thursday students here are celebrating the announcement from New Brunswick and are now looking to Minister of Labour and Advanced Education Kelly Regan and the Liberal government to make some changes in the upcoming provincial budget.

"We've seen that both governments in Ontario and New Brunswick have taken unprece-

ented steps to make post-secondary education more accessible by providing stronger forms of student assistance, whereas in Nova Scotia, our government has taken unprecedented steps to actually increase tuition fees and increase student debt in the province," she said.

About 1,200 students leave Nova Scotia each year to attend university elsewhere, which Sam said is due to the high cost of tuition and student debt, which averages about \$37,000 upon graduation.

+ NEW BRUNSWICK

The New Brunswick bursary will offer financial assistance to students who come from families with an annual income of \$60,000 or less and are attending a public university or college in that province. The program will begin with the 2016-17 academic year.

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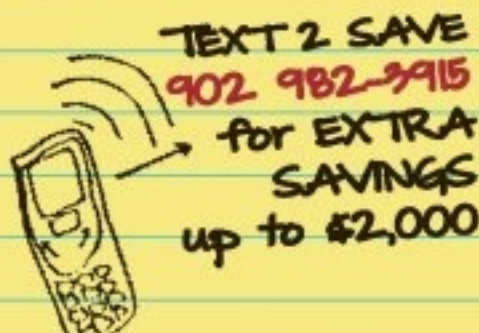
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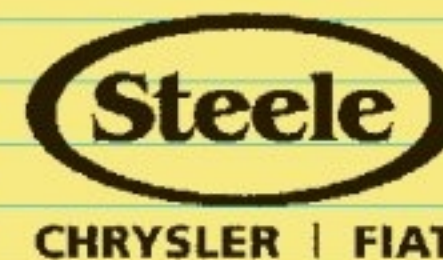


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DIY library expands its tool box



Tristan Cleveland, Halifax Tool Library co-director, at the new location. JEFF HARPER/METRO

HOME RENOVATION

Rental service's resources get an upgrade



Nicole Gnazdowsky
For Metro | Halifax

More tools will soon be available for the municipality's DIY lovers, as the Halifax Tool Library moves to a larger location Saturday.

Most people don't want to buy a tool that they're only going to use a handful of times, so the Halifax Tool Library creates a space where people can pay a small yearly fee to have access to a wide array of tools for any project. The organization just re-

cently reached its 300th member since opening in October 2014 and is constantly growing.

"We have 900 tools, all donated by the community and we haven't had nearly close to enough space to house the tools," Halifax Tool Library co-director Tristan Cleveland said Thursday.

Once the group moves to a new location, it will be opening its doors to even more donations to add to the collection.

"We'd love to have a big tall ladder, that's something people only need once in awhile, and when they need it, they really need it. The Holy Grail would be a belt sander, that's been the single most requested thing," he said.

While loaning tools is the main purpose of the organization, Cleveland wants the new space to also function more like a traditional library does.

"What's even more exciting about this is that part of the motivation is to create a community space where people can hang out, talk about their projects, and share their ideas,"

said Cleveland.

The new location will also feature a work table where people can be instructed on how to use the tools.

Eventually, Cleveland said he'd like to hold workshops at the location.

"We are very excited; since we started this project, this is the most energy we've seen from volunteers and think there's a lot of opportunity for growth and for new members and volunteers to get involved," Cleveland said.

"We just need people who love tools, love community, and want to get active on the DIY projects," he said.

The new Halifax Tool Library will be opening at 6070 Almon Street and will be open for the public to check out from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. this Saturday.

+ ONLINE

Visit halifaxtoollibrary.ca for full hours and more information.

SURVEY

Metro readership tops 94,000 in Halifax, 1.6M nationwide: Poll

If you're seeing that stack of newspapers disappear quickly from the familiar green boxes in the mornings, it's because Metro Halifax is now reaching 94,000 weekday print readers, according to a readership survey released by Vividata on Thursday.

The figure is a sign of continued popularity for Metro

Halifax.

With more than 1.6 million weekday readers in seven major cities, Metro English Canada is slightly up on the Toronto Star and well ahead of the Globe and Mail, which has 1.2 million readers.

When print and digital results are combined, Metro is in fourth place with more than

1.9 million readers.

Cathrin Bradbury, Metro's editor-in-chief, said she is proud of the quality of the content produced by newsrooms stretching from Halifax to Vancouver.

"The Metro brand — young, urban, diverse, professional — is stronger than it's ever been. That's in large part because the Metro staff who produce ter-

rific local content every day, for our seven city newspapers across Canada, are exactly like the audience they serve: Hard working young people who are passionately committed to improving the cities where they live. This study is a much-deserved nod to their work and to the joy our readers take in it."

A testament to Metro's popu-

larity is its position as the second-most read newspaper in Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax and Winnipeg.

Sandy MacLeod, Metro's chief operating officer, said the healthy numbers are good for business, too.

"This readership study confirms the solid position of Metro as a national media brand,"

MacLeod said. "Our strength in the key demographic of well-educated 25- to 54-year-old adults is attractive to Canadian advertisers who seek to reach this important audience."

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Changes to Nova Centre get lukewarm reception

BUILDING

Mix of glass, brick didn't sit well with the committee



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Proposed changes to the design of the Nova Centre got mixed reviews at a meeting of Halifax Regional Municipality's design review committee on Thursday.

The changes, 14 in all, mostly affect the hotel section of the building, along with the street wall on Market Street. What was almost all glass in the original design is now a mix of glass and brick — and that emerged as a sticking point for the committee.

One by one, members of the committee expressed their distaste for the look of the brick, with one, who said he's a structural engineer, pointing out that it could leak in the future.

Argyle Developments' Joe Ramia presented the changes to the committee, and argued the brick would make the building fit in better with those around it.

He also told the committee it's a "very special brick."

"It is a specialty brick that's never been used before in this market," he said, adding that

it comes from Boston.

After the meeting, he told reporters he'd be bringing samples of the brick to the next meeting of the committee.

He said he took the criticisms of the new design in stride. "We'll take everything and go back," he said.

"We believe it's great, but I think we can improve it, and we'll continue to improve it."

He said he thought the committee would like it more if the architectural drawings better represented what it would actually look like. "It's unfortunate that the image does not show very well," he said.

When asked about recent criticisms about the architectural drawings of the Nova Centre throughout this process, Ramia conceded that they're not exact. "Architectural views are never 100 per cent accurate," he said.

In this case, he said, they were designed to highlight the design changes. "Am I happy with them? No. Do they represent how good they look? No, but it is what it is."

Ramia hasn't technically applied to change the design yet.

On Wednesday, Ramia showed them to the public at an open house — though only "five or six" people showed up — and Thursday's meeting was meant to show the changes to the committee. In about a month, he'll make the application, and bring back revised changes.



People cross the street near the Nova Centre under construction on Argyle Street. JEFF HARPER/METRO

PICTOU COUNTY

Man, 33, airlifted to hospital

A 33-year-old man was transported by helicopter to hospital in Halifax after a serious collision late Wednesday night in Pictou County.

The man was thrown from his vehicle on Gairloch Road just before midnight on Wednesday, an RCMP news release said.

He landed "a short distance away on the side of the road," and sustained life-threatening injuries, the release said, adding the victim was taken to hospital in Halifax via LifeFlight helicopter.

The road was closed while a collision reconstructionist inspected the scene, but has since been reopened, police said.

The news release doesn't say whether there were any other vehicles involved in the crash, and gave no update as to the man's condition as of Thursday.

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FISHERIES

Halibut fishermen lose big on illegal offload

An illegal offload of halibut ended up costing three Digby County fishermen more than \$45,000 in fines and lost revenue. Chris Titus, Peter Titus and Trevor Frost pled guilty April 5 to offloading halibut without an observer, failure to weigh the fish on a proper scale and offloading prior to haling in.

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Leah Parsons says it's great that the province is going back to square one to "make a law that sticks." JEFF HARPER/METRO

Power against cyberbullies

SAFETY

Rehtaeh Parsons' mom happy province drafting law



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

News that the province is drafting new cybersafety legislation is being welcomed by Leah Parsons, the mother of Rehtaeh Parsons.

The Cole Harbour teen's death by suicide in April 2013 inspired a cyberbullying law that was struck down by the Supreme Court in December 2015.

"The Department of Justice accepts the court's ruling that the definition of cyberbullying in the former act was overly broad and will not appeal the court's decision," attorney general and Justice Minister Diana Whalen said in a media release Wednesday. "Instead, a new act will be drafted that addresses the court's concerns and ensures Nova Scotians have a high level of protection when faced with cyberbullies."

Parsons said the justice minister contacted her Tuesday to give her the heads-up about the province's plans to draft the new legislation.

"I'm very happy. It's some-

thing that we definitely need and the rest of Canada is looking to Nova Scotia," Parsons said.

"I think we are leading in this area and I think it's so great that they're going back to the table to work out all the kinks and tighten it up and make it a law that sticks."

The province plans to gather legal expertise and input in the next few months to ensure the new act is strong, protects the public, and addresses concerns raised in the court decision.

"We want to get this right and that means finding a balance between the important right to freedom of speech and the protection of victims of cyberbullying," Whalen said in the news release.



The rest of Canada is looking to Nova Scotia.

Leah Parsons on the new legislation

Parsons said she wasn't concerned when the province's CyberSafety Act was struck down by the Supreme Court.

"When they threw it out, a sense came right over me that, you know what? It's fine because it's going to play out a little differently, but the law's not going away," Parsons said. Parsons said her biggest hope is for the new legislation to have teeth.

"This type of law would be what can apply to situations like Rehtaeh's, where parents in desperation can go and say, 'Gosh, look what's happening to my child' and we don't have somebody saying, 'There's nothing we can do about that,'" she said.

FUNDRAISING

Police chase event is axed



Sarah Rae
For Metro | Halifax

Halifax police have axed their annual Police Chase fundraiser.

Halifax Regional Police and Halifax RCMP announced Thursday they're cancelling the event hosted by Partners in Policing because of the abundance of fun runs in the

community, and are taking the opportunity to "revamp" fundraising efforts.

The Police Chase was an untimed, one-kilometre or five-kilometre run or walk that had residents pursuing the police to raise money for charity.

In 2014 and 2015, the Police Chase raised more than \$40,000 for the Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of

Special Olympics Nova Scotia, a news release said.

"We extend a heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers from within both HRP and RCMP who organized the Police Chase and made it a success," the release said.

"We look forward to announcing and hosting new fundraising efforts in support of LETR and Special Olympics Nova Scotia in the future."

ENVIRONMENT

Landfill operations on hold

Nova Scotia's environment minister has issued a ministerial order to South Mountain Construction and Debris Recycling Ltd. operators regarding "non-compliance."

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Score one for the underdogs

ANIMAL CARE

Organization out to save dogs from high-kill shelters



Brenlee Brothers
For Metro | Halifax

Amber Rehill cradled eight-year-old Jiminey in her arms between the excited barking of two other dogs.

You'd never guess the three-pound Chihuahua had only arrived at his new Dartmouth home just minutes before.

Not long ago, Jiminey's home was at a "high-kill" animal shelter in Los Angeles. Due to a skin infection and his age, Jiminey was on a list to be euthanized.

"The population is so high, it's really the only way they



Newly adopted Jiminey, centre, gets acquainted with previously adopted Chase, left, and Dallas on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

can control it in the shelters," Rehill said Thursday of the

situation some shelters face. Thankfully, Chi Angeles Rescue in Los Angeles spared Jiminey and the lives of three other female Chihuahuas.

From there, the Nova Scotia-based organization Save A Life Canada Rescue Society offered

to bring the dogs to Canada, so they could find new homes.

Robin Aiton is one of five women who created Save A Life Canada. The goal of the group is to save dogs from euthanization in overpopulated shelters.

"We need all the people pos-

sible to help with it, and make it known that it's a problem," Aiton said.

Once the organization is registered as a non-profit, Save A Life Canada will work with other rescue centers to take in other kinds of dogs.

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The number of dogs rescued so far in Nova Scotia

"We just need all the government paperwork to finish going through," she said in a phone call Thursday.

Once the dogs are flown from Los Angeles, they are fostered throughout Nova Scotia until they can find a permanent home.

So far, six Chihuahuas have been adopted, Aiton said.

A manager of a veterinary hospital in Dartmouth adopted one of the female dogs.

"That helped a lot because she's going to require quite a bit of medical care," Aiton said. As for Rehill, she said it didn't make sense for her to buy a puppy or go to a pet store when dogs are being overlooked in shelters.

"Once you take the time and work with them, they're just as trusting and loyal as any other dog would be."

"We need all the people possible to help with (overpopulation) and make it known that it's a problem."

Robin Aiton, Save a Life Canada Rescue Society



South Park Street Bike Lane Improvements

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THEFT

Man charged with stealing underwear



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

A 29-year-old Dartmouth man is facing charges of stealing ladies' delicacies.

After receiving four reports since Feb. 23 of "women's clothing and undergarments" being taken from the laundry rooms of apartment buildings in Dartmouth, police

officers have arrested their suspected thief.

Community response, school resource and quick response officers arrested the man April 8 at a Mitchell Street home, Halifax Regional Police said, adding he's charged with one count of theft and one count of possession under \$5,000.

He's set to appear in Dartmouth provincial court at a later date.

VELOS PIZZA

Arrest made in local pizza-joint robbery

A 29-year-old Halifax woman has been charged with robbing a local pizza parlour earlier this week.

Brittany Joan Martin appeared in Halifax provincial court Wednesday to answer to one count of robbery, after officers arrested her without incident at about 3:15 a.m. on the 300 block of Herring Cove Road.

Martin had been identified at the time of the robbery, which happened during the

early morning hours, just before 1 a.m. on Tuesday, at Velos Pizza on Almon Street, according to a Halifax Regional Police news release.

The suspect allegedly walked into the restaurant, took out a knife and demanded cash from the employee, police said, adding she took off on foot with cash in hand.

Nobody was injured during the robbery.

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RCMP

Teens charged after rifle seizure

RCMP have charged two teenagers after an incident near West Kings High School this week.

A 17-year-old boy from Kingston is facing two charges of careless use of a firearm, in addition to the unauthorized possession of a firearm, according to an RCMP release.

A 15-year-old boy from Auburn is also facing two charges of careless use of a firearm, pointing a firearm, unauthorized possession of a firearm, as well as failure to comply with conditions, police said.

Both teenagers were released from police custody late Wednesday night and they are both scheduled to appear April 28 in Kentville provincial court.

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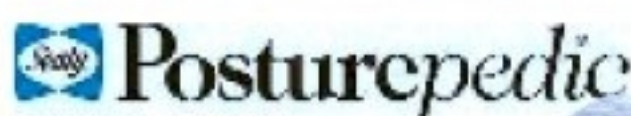
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THINGS TO DO IN HALIFAX THIS WEEKEND

From live tunes to vinyl tracks, there's music and much more happening in the municipality this weekend.



Nicole Gnazdowsky
For Metro | Halifax

1 Record Store Day

Saturday is the perfect opportunity to add to your collection — it's Record Store Day. Halifax record stores participating in the event include all three Taz locations, Obsolete Records and Black Buffalo Records. There will be sales on new and used vinyl as well as turntables. Taz opens at 8 a.m., while Obsolete Records and Black Buffalo Records will be open at 10 a.m. Last year the doors were lined up before opening, so make sure you get there early.

2 Highlander race

The fifth annual Citadel Highlander Race will take place this Sunday on Citadel Hill. The kids race will begin at 8:45 a.m. with the five- and ten-kilometre races following at 9:30 a.m. The race will take runners through the ditch, parameter roads and ramparts. There is still space for registration, but spectators are also welcome to come out to watch the race and enjoy the sites of Citadel free of charge.



5 Matt Andersen

Matt Andersen and the Bona Fide with Donovan Woods will be playing two shows this weekend at the Rebecca Cohan auditorium both Friday and Saturday night before heading off on his Honest Man American tour. The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$36.50.

4 Shane Koyczan

Award-winning spoken-word poet Shane Koyczan will be performing at St. Matthew's United Church on Barrington St., Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$27.99 in advance or \$32.99 at the door. Koyczan has been selling out shows across the country so he is sure to impress.



3 Dino exhibit

There are only a few weekends left to check out Dinosaur Discoveries: Ancient Fossils, New Ideas, at the Museum of Natural History. The exhibit showcases the world of modern paleontology and features a variety of models, fossils and computer simulations. The exhibit is on loan from the American Museum of Natural History in New York and will be at the museum until May 8. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is \$6.30 for adults and \$4.05 for kids.



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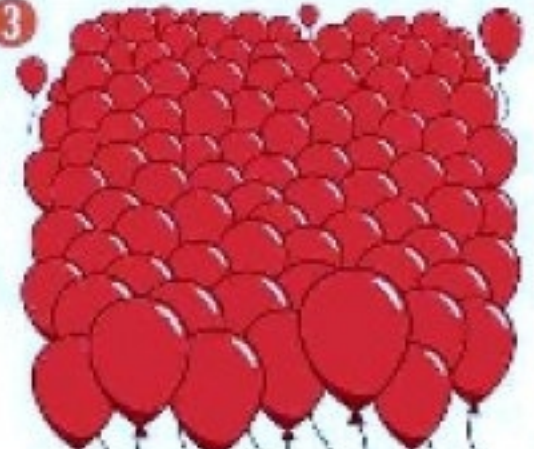
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No special effects as film industry proves its worth

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Screen toasts study showing \$180M annual boost to coffers



Nicole Gnazdowsky
For Metro | Halifax

Screen Nova Scotia says it has proven its economic value to the province.

A study conducted by one of the world's leading independent accounting firms, PricewaterhouseCoopers, shows the industry contributes \$180 million annually to the province's GDP. This was the first study done since 2008.

"I think it's a proud day for a film industry; it demonstrates that the industry is an important part of our Nova Scotia economy," Screen Nova Scotia chair Mark Almon said Thursday.

The study also shows that of the 3,200 Screen Nova Scotia employees across the province, about half are full-time workers, while the other half are indirectly employed as service providers or suppliers.

Most of the individuals employed are relatively young, educated, have an entrepreneurial spirit and are more likely to move to the province for work compared to the overall provincial labour force, the study shows.



Protesters surround the legislature to protest the elimination of the film tax credit last year. JEFF HARPER/METRO

It also found that film is the province's largest cultural industry, and has seen steady growth over the past two decades.

"We're very pleased that this confirms what we always

thought; that we do have an impact on the province economically, socially and culturally," Almon said.

The Nova Scotia government recently retracted the \$24 million in tax benefits it

had been supplying to the industry, which Screen Nova Scotia says may have been a costly mistake, now that the study has confirmed that made for a 7:1 return on investment for the province.

The Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund was announced last year after weeks of protest and controversy surrounding the McNeil government's slashing

of that former Film Tax Credit, which provided a 50 per cent rebate for labour.

Under the new \$10-million fund, film projects can get a 25 per cent refund on all production costs, including labour.

Nova Scotia Business Minister Mark Furey said Thursday he hadn't seen the results of the study so couldn't comment yet.

It confirms we have an impact on the province economically, socially and culturally.

Mark Almon, Screen Nova Scotia chair

CRIME

Four men accused of sex assault



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

Four men are facing charges for allegedly assaulting a teenage girl during a house party in Nova Scotia last year.

The accused quartet — a 21-year-old man and 23-year-old man from Colchester County, along with a 25-year-old man from Cornwall, Ont., and a 27-year-old man from Sarnia, Ont. — have all been arrested in relation to the incident that took place in Bible Hill last Dec. 18, the RCMP confirmed in a news release sent out Thursday.

A 14-year-old girl reported to police that she had been sexually assaulted by four men during a party, resulting in an "extensive investigation" by Colchester RCMP, the release said.

As a result of that investigation, police arrested two men from Colchester County in January, the Sarnia man on March 31 and the Ottawa man on April 12, the release said, adding the two suspects from Ontario have been transported back to Nova Scotia.

Three of the men appeared in Truro provincial court Wednesday to answer to charges of sexual assault and sexual interference, the police news release said. All four men are scheduled to be back in court May 4.

The Mounties in Ontario and Canada Border Services Agency assisted Colchester RCMP with the investigation.

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The secret lives of sperm whales

DALHOUSIE

Researchers investigate culture of giant cetaceans

New research reveals there's more to being a sperm whale than deep diving, eating giant squid and being as big as a city bus.

These lumbering behemoths may have their own distinct dialects and cultures — and prefer other whales that are most like themselves, according to a marine researcher at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

After analyzing 30 years of underwater recordings, PhD candidate Mauricio Cantor has found sperm whales learn to communicate from their peers and relatives, in much the same way that humans do.

"They prefer to interact with those that communicate using the same sounds that they do ... and we call these vocal clans," he says.

"Even though they are very different from us, they have key similarities with our society, in terms of having families, having social preferences and also communicating using similar sounds."

When near the surface of the ocean, typical sperm whales emit clicking noises that sound like a stick being raked across a series of metal bars — a kind of staccato Morse code.

Using recordings that date back to the 1980s, Cantor created computer simulations of whale populations spread over many centuries. The technique generated evidence suggesting communication within these large groups is the product of social learning.

"The most likely scenario is that they are learning from their peers. They are conforming to the most common sounds they hear, just like us. They tend to copy what is in fashion."

The fascinating result, he says, is segregated whale cultures that are not unlike the various human cultures around the globe.

"We usually interact more with those who are similar to us. I hope that finding the similarities with other animal societies can improve our relationship with the natural world — with the whales and other animals." THE CANADIAN PRESS

(Sperm whales) have key similarities with our society, in terms of having families, having social preferences. Mauricio Cantor

Researchers have long known that these sounds have patterns associated with separate populations of sperm whales.

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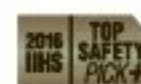
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Site lets users plan final wishes

STARTUP

Final Wish helps to plan from pet care to funeral music



Thandi Fletcher
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A six-day hospital stay was all it took for Andrew Smith to start contemplating his own mortality.

The Vancouver resident, originally from Halifax, had also recently lost a loved one before his own health scare. Sitting in his hospital bed, Smith realized how ill-prepared he was should his death come sooner than anticipated.

Did his loved ones know if he wanted to be buried or

cremated? What kind of music did he want played at his funeral? What should happen to his Facebook account?

"I just wanted to make sure that I had that stuff written down," Smith told Metro. "And then I thought, there's a lot of people in the same situation as me and if I can create a website to help people out, that would be great."

Now six years later, Smith recently launched Final Wish, a secure website that lets users store information about their final wishes.

The service lets users choose everything from how they want to be remembered on social media to who they would like to take care of their pet after their passing, and even can prepare slideshows with their favourite photos and music to be played at a memorial service. Upon death, the information can be accessed by up to

five pre-selected confidants.

Although the website launched only a week ago, Smith said the feedback already has been overwhelmingly positive with 75 people signing up so far.

He said many people who told him that they faced a difficult experience planning a funeral for a loved one, and said they wished the service existed earlier.

Signing up and creating a profile with a list of final wishes is free on Final Wish, while extra features like slideshows, photo galleries and autobiographies can be uploaded and stored for a \$25 a year.

More features are also still being developed for a "platinum" package.

Final Wish isn't meant to replace a will. The information stored on the website isn't legally binding, Smith said, adding that he recommends people still get a will.

"This is more for the softer stuff," he said. "We're just trying to help relieve that stress, let people grieve at their own point of time and just provide a place for people to be prepared."



Andrew Smith, founder and CEO of Final Wish, launched a website last week that lets people store their final wishes for their loved ones after death. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

“We’re just trying to help relieve that stress, let people grieve at their own point of time and just provide a place for people to be prepared.” Andrew Smith



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Relish recalled

FOOD SAFETY

Mustard relish may contain bacteria that causes botulism

A brand of relish is being recalled after tests indicated it could contain a bacteria that causes botulism.

The Canadian Food Inspec-

tion Agency says HardyWares Preserves is recalling its mustard relish because it may be contaminated with the dangerous bacteria.

The agency says it was distributed in Nova Scotia and should be thrown out or returned to the store where it was bought.

The product was packaged last Dec. 3, but there have been no reported illnesses linked to the relish.

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Symptoms can include nausea, vomiting, fatigue and dizziness, and can be fatal.

The agency says food contaminated with the clostridium botulinum toxin may not look or smell spoiled, but can still cause illness. THE CANADIAN PRESS

EDUCATION

School closing in Mulgrave, students crossing causeway to Port Hawkesbury

Students from Mulgrave will soon be heading across the Canso Causeway to attend school.

During a meeting of the Strait Regional School Board on Wednesday evening at the Strait Area Education Recreation Centre in Port Hawkesbury, board members voted to permanently close Mulgrave Me-

morial Education Centre on June 30, 2018.

Tamarac Education Centre, a P-8 school located in Port Hawkesbury, has been designated as the receiving school for students from Mulgrave.

The board also approved motions that outlined when students will be making the transition.

This September, Grade 7-8 students from Mulgrave Memorial will be moved to

Tamarac Education Centre. Mulgrave students in Grade Primary to Grade 6 will remain at Mulgrave Memorial until June 2018.

In September 2018, they'll move to Tamarac school as well.

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A win for indigenous groups

SUPREME COURT

Recognition given to Métis and non-status Indians

The Supreme Court of Canada has expanded the responsibility of the federal government for indigenous peoples in Canada, ruling unanimously that Métis and non-status Indians fall under its constitutional jurisdiction.

"The constitutional changes, the apologies for historic wrongs, a growing appreciation that aboriginal and non-aboriginal people are partners in Confederation, as well as the Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples and the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, all indicate that reconciliation with all of Canada's aboriginal peoples is Parliament's goal," Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Abella wrote in the unanimous decision delivered Thursday morning.

The Supreme Court ruled that the roughly 418,000 Métis and 214,000 non-status Indians — or First Nations people without



Let's establish a process and begin talking.

Dwight Dorey, national chief, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples

registered Indian status — should be considered "Indians" under section 91(24) of the Constitution Act of 1867, just as First Nations people with registered Indian status are.

The landmark ruling gives these groups a starting point for negotiating rights, treaties, services and benefits with Ottawa, although it does not provide the federal government with directions on how to proceed.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau



Making progress will require real co-operation and genuine partnership.

Carolyn Bennett, Indigenous Affairs Minister

called it a "landmark decision" and reiterated his Liberal government has committed to reset Canada's relationship with indigenous peoples.

"Quite frankly, we as a government have positioned ourselves in a way that is focused on renewing the relationship with indigenous peoples across this country through an open, respectful, honest, engaged partnership and relationship," said Trudeau.



I can guarantee you one thing: the path forward will be together.

PM Justin Trudeau

The Supreme Court said this decision should put an end to the back-and-forth over whether provinces or the federal government has legislative jurisdiction over Métis and non-status Indians, which often left these people with no sure way who to turn to or negotiate with, or who to hold to account for unfulfilled obligations.

The decision prompted jubilation and emotion from the Métis and non-status Indian leaders



We now have official access to the federal government in this.

Elder Joe Blyan, Métis Nation of Alberta

who crowded the foyer of the Supreme Court to react to be among the first to react to the decision Thursday morning.

The ruling noted that before Confederation, the Crown had often included Métis and others of mixed aboriginal ancestry in its understanding of "Indians," used then as a generic term for aboriginal peoples, and that it often applied laws and policies to them as such.

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HEALTH

Deal with reserve troubles: Leaders

Aboriginal leaders painted a bleak picture of dire and deadly conditions on reserves during testimony Thursday before a parliamentary committee.

First Nations leaders, including Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, urged the federal government to address tragedies playing out on the ground.

"I cannot count how many funerals I have gone to in our communities," Fiddler said.

His organization, which represents northern Ontario communities, declared a public health emergency in February.

Dr. Michael Kirlaw, a physician based in Sioux Lookout, Ont., also pleaded with the committee to ensure there is "drastic change, quickly."

"The more time that we wait, the more children will die. I appeal to you today, not as politicians, not as members of political parties ... let's return the humanity to this process. This process needs that humanity." THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Feds to unveil law on assisted dying

More than a year after the Supreme Court struck down Canada's ban on assisted suicide, the federal government will introduce a new law spelling out the conditions in which seriously ill or dying Canadians may

seek medical help to end their lives.

The proposed law will not be as permissive as recommended by a special committee. It is expected to say only competent adults should be eligible to receive medical aid in dying.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

HEALTH

'The sound he was making was heartwrenching'

A mother accused in her toddler's death from bacterial meningitis wept repeatedly Thursday as she told court about the day her son was rushed to hospital.

"Our son was on life support and we were being told that someone felt we were neglectful. We were now being ques-

tioned on our parenting, too," testified Collet Stephan, choking back tears.

Stephan, 35 and her husband David, 32, are on trial accused of failing to provide the necessities of life for 19-month-old Ezekiel in March 2012.

Ezekiel had been sick for more than two weeks when he stopped breathing and later died in hospital. Court has heard how his parents gave him natural remedies, including smoothies with hot peppers and horseradish, because they thought he had croup.

Stephan told jurors that the

first day of her son's illness was easily the worst. She said he had a fever and was making a wheezing and whistling noise as he tried to breathe.

"The sound he was making was heartwrenching."

When asked about her background and her decision to stay home to raise children, Stephan smiled.

"Because I love being a mom."

But her mood appeared to darken when she was asked about the day her son was taken from a local hospital in southern Alberta to the children's hospital

in Calgary, where a doctor told her that Ezekiel had very little brain activity.

Stephan said the doctor told her she had seen children come out of comas in the past.

Court documents reveal that just days before Ezekiel went to hospital his parents were giving him fluids through an eyedropper to keep him hydrated as he would not drink on his own. They also started him on an electrolyte and amino acid supplement, wrote Dr. Jenn D'Mello in an assessment.

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Residents take shelter outside the town hall of Mashiki, near Kumamoto city, southern Japan, after the earthquake early Friday. KYODO NEWS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Japan rocked by powerful quake

NATURAL DISASTER

Calls reporting people buried or trapped in debris pour in

At least two people were killed and 45 injured by a magnitude-6.5 earthquake that knocked down houses and buckled roads in southern Japan on Thursday night.

Both victims are from the hardest-hit town of Mashiki, about 15 kilometres east of Kumamoto city on the island of Kyushu, said Kumamoto prefecture disaster management official Takayuki Matsushita.

Earlier, Japanese Red Cross Kumamoto Hospital said it had admitted or treated 45 people, including five with serious injuries.

The quake struck at 9:26 p.m. at a depth of 11 kilometres near Kumamoto city on the island of Kyushu, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

There was no tsunami risk.

"The shaking was so violent I couldn't stand still," said Hironobu Kosaki, a Kumamoto Prefectural Police night-duty official.

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said at least 19 houses collapsed, and hundreds of calls came in reporting building damage and people buried under debris or trapped inside.

"Because of the night darkness, the extent of damage is still unclear," he said.

The damage and calls for help are concentrated in the town of Mashiki, about 1,300 kilometres southwest of Tokyo, Japan's Fire and Disaster Management Agency said.

One of the victims in Mashiki died after being pulled from some rubble, and the other was killed in a fire, Matsushita said. A third person

rescued from under a collapsed building is in a state of heart and lung failure.

Matsushita said rescue operations were repeatedly disrupted by aftershocks.

"There was a ka-boom and the whole house shook violently sideways," Takahiko Morita, a Mashiki resident said

in a telephone interview with Japanese broadcaster NHK. "Furniture and bookshelves fell down, and books were all over the floor."

Morita said some houses and walls collapsed in his neighbourhood, and water supply had been cut off.

Dozens of people evacuated their homes and gathered outside Mashiki town hall, sitting on tarps well after midnight. Some wrapped blankets around their shoulders against the springtime chill.

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The shaking was so violent I couldn't stand still.

Hironobu Kosaki, a police night-duty official

IN BRIEF

El Nino weakening, but here comes La Nina

In the midst of one of the strongest El Ninos on record, U.S. meteorologists say its flip side, La Nina, is around the corner.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center reports that El Nino is weakening but likely to stick around a couple more months. At the same time, NOAA issued a formal watch for a fall arrival of La Nina.

El Nino is the natural warming of parts of the Pacific that alters weather worldwide. La Nina, with cooler Pacific waters, often has opposite effects.

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Israel to build 'small' number of new homes

The Israeli prime minister's office says Israel will "upgrade" some Israeli settlement buildings in the West Bank and build only a "small" number of other structures in the territory. But the group Peace Now says Israel is planning more than 200 settlement housing units, much of them new homes.

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IRAQ

Italian team off to help Mosul Dam

A team of Italian specialists arrived Thursday at the site of the Mosul Dam as part of an emergency campaign to repair Iraq's largest dam before it collapses.

The advance team from the Italian engineering firm Trevi Group will set up a camp for the group of engineers who are expected to arrive within a few weeks. U.S. and Iraqi officials have repeatedly warned that the dam is in imminent danger of collapse.

The dam's core problem is that it was shoddily built on unstable ground: The earth underneath it is constantly being eroded by water. From the

day it was inaugurated in 1985, maintenance crews have had to continuously pour cement under its foundation.

Without that constant injection — known as "grouting" — the 113-metre-high dam would soon collapse into a hole in the ground, causing an unprecedented disaster. The 48-km-long lake behind it would explode down the Tigris River valley with hundreds of millions of cubic metres of water, ramming into Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul, currently home to more than 700,000 people. It would then flood all the way down to Baghdad.

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A worker adjusts a pipe used for pumping concrete into the ground at the Mosul Dam. ALICE MARTINS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Illegal gold booms in Latin America

A new study says illegal gold is more valuable than cocaine in the southern continent. In Colombia and Peru, the industry funds organized crime, devastates the environment and exploits women and children. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

In Peru and Colombia, the world's top producers of cocaine, illegally mined gold is now a more valuable export than cocaine, according to a new study.

Organized criminal groups have moved into this sector, leaving workers vulnerable to labour exploitation, human trafficking and sexual offences, the study says.

"It is staggering when you go to these illegal mines and you see that the government is not responding and all the negative impacts on the environment and on the people," said Livia Wagner, who wrote the report for the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, based in Switzerland. "Illegal mining funds criminal and terrorist groups, facilitates money laundering and corruption ... and creates sex trafficking."

Illegal miners tend to use heavy machinery, but lack legal titles and shirk labour and environmental standards. Both Peru and Colombia also have large-scale legal gold mining

industries, including mines run by companies based in Canada.

High gold prices from 2000 to 2010, combined with lower profit margins in drug trafficking, created the ideal conditions for this boom. Once gold is laundered it becomes indistinguishable from legal gold and can be easily moved across borders.

The study estimates that 28 per cent of gold mined in Peru is illegal, earning criminals \$3.3 billion a year. In Colombia, it estimates 80 per cent of gold production is illegal, worth between \$1.9 billion and \$2.6 billion a year.

That makes illegal mining more lucrative than cocaine production.

"We came up with these numbers by looking at how much gold miners officially register versus how much gold is being exported. The discrepancy is the illegally mined gold," Wagner said. "Gold has no label and doesn't have a provenance."

Latin America also has a large number of traditional, artisanal miners, who work without

heavy machinery, are not considered illegal and are generally not connected to organized crime.

Most of Latin American gold is sent to refineries in the U.S., Switzerland and Canada.

The investigation also found evidence of the sexual abuse of children in the illegal mining sector. In Peru, girls are recruited to work in brothels close to mining areas in the country's southeast. As many as 2,000 sex workers, of whom 60 per cent are minors, are employed near one mining area, the study says.

Illegal mining can also take a devastating toll on the environment and on human health. A common way to extract gold is for workers to mix toxic mercury with powdered ore, and then burn off the mercury to collect the gold. This process, which is often done without safety equipment, can cause permanent health problems.

The deforestation of the Amazon rain forest is also due, in part, to illegal mining, the study says. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

BY THE NUMBERS

1 Peru
Legal gold production: **138 tonnes**
Illegal gold: **54 tonnes, 28% of total**
Value of illegal gold: **\$3.3 billion**

2 Ecuador
Legal gold: **2.7 tonnes**
Illegal gold: **7.3 tonnes, 77% of total**
Value of illegal gold: **\$510 million**

3 Colombia
Legal gold: **10 tonnes**
Illegal gold: **41 tonnes, 80% of total**
Value of illegal gold: **\$2.6 billion**

4 Venezuela
Legal gold: **1.8 tonnes**
Illegal gold: **15 tonnes, 91% of total**
Value of illegal gold: **\$900 million**

5 Brazil
Legal gold: **72 tonnes**
Illegal gold: **8.2 tonnes, 10% of total**
Value of illegal gold: **\$510 million**

6 Bolivia
Legal gold production: **5.4 tonnes**
Illegal gold: **2.7 tonnes, 31% of total**
Value of illegal gold: **\$130 million**

SOURCE: U.S., SWISS AND CANADIAN CUSTOMS DATA



IN BRIEF

Welcome to Czechia

Czechia will soon be synonymous with the Czech Republic.

Unlike most European countries, the Czech Republic has lacked a one-word version of its name in foreign languages. Now, the country is set to use the name Czechia in English, Tschechien in German or Tchequie in French, translations of "Česko" in Czech. The Foreign Ministry said a one-word name is more practical and flexible for various uses.

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Chimp runs loose in Japan

A chimpanzee fled from a zoo in northern Japan and tried to avoid being captured by climbing an electric pole.

Chacha, a male chimp, was on the loose for two hours Thursday after it disappeared from the Yagiyama Zoological Park. TV footage showed Chacha atop the pole. After being hit by a sedative arrow, Chacha eventually fell into a blanket held by workers on the ground. It was not immediately clear if he survived. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

REFUGEE CRISIS

Germany to open up jobs for migrants



Refugee women queue for goods at the makeshift camp at the Greek-Macedonian border. **AFP/GETTY IMAGES**

Seeking to better integrate the 1.1 million asylum-seekers who arrived last year, Germany's governing parties agreed Thursday to get newcomers into the workforce faster, promote broader German language skills and prevent migrant ghettos from forming in big cities.

The measures, which will be discussed with state governors before they're presented to Parliament, seek to strike a balance between giving migrants easier access to jobs and integration courses while also increasing expectations of them.

Chancellor Angela Merkel told reporters the proposals make clear "there are duties and obligations for all who come to us."

The measures foresee creating 100,000 government-funded "job opportunities" for migrants, according to a copy of the plan obtained by The Associated Press. They also would suspend for three years a rule that excludes asylum-seekers from jobs unless no German or European Union citizen can fill them.

"The core idea is to attempt to integrate as many people in

the labour force as possible," Merkel said.

One of the key components to Merkel's attempts so far to deal with the influx of migrants has been to streamline the system so those fleeing conflict and persecution and likely to receive asylum will receive it faster, and so-called "economic" migrants just looking for better jobs will be sent home quickly.

In line with that philosophy, the jobs being created wouldn't be available to economic migrants, according to the plan. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

BOKO HARAM

Nigerians march for schoolgirls on kidnapping anniversary



This CNN footage shows 15 of the more than 200 schoolgirls abducted by Boko Haram in Chibok, Nigeria. **AFP/GETTY IMAGES**

Angry over lack of progress to resolve one of the highest-profile mass kidnappings in the world, Nigerians marched in their country's major cities on Thursday to demand the safe return of girls who were abducted by Boko Haram extremists two years ago from a school in Chibok.

Nigerian Vice-President Yemi Osinbajo was expected in the northeastern town of Chibok for the anniversary of the kidnappings, said Yakubu Nkeki, leader of a support group of parents of the kidnapped girls. He said the

community is angry that their only school remains in ruins. Boko Haram firebombed buildings as they took off with girls.

Some 20,000 children in the town and its surroundings have no school to attend, Nkeki said Thursday as parents gathered at the ruins of the school to pray for the safe return of their daughters.

"Boko Haram has achieved its aim. They say they don't want us to have Western education and our children don't," Nkeki said. Two years ago, the Islamic

extremists seized 276 girls who had gathered for science exams at the Government Girls Secondary School in the northeast town of Chibok. Some managed to escape, jumping off pickup trucks as the Islamic extremists drove them toward the Sambisa Forest. A total of 219 remain missing.

On Wednesday, CNN broadcast parts of a Boko Haram video of girls wearing the Islamic hijab, and CNN also aired its own images of tearful mothers, including one reaching out to a computer screen as she recog-

nized her kidnapped daughter.

The video shows 15 of the girls — one with a mischievous grin, one looking uncompromising, downright defiant, and one downcast.

While Boko Haram is thought to have abducted thousands of people over the years, the mass abduction brought the extremist group to the world's attention. The campaign hashtag #Bring-Back-Our-Girls went as far as the White House, used by U.S. first lady Michelle Obama.

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Water's rise, pop's demise

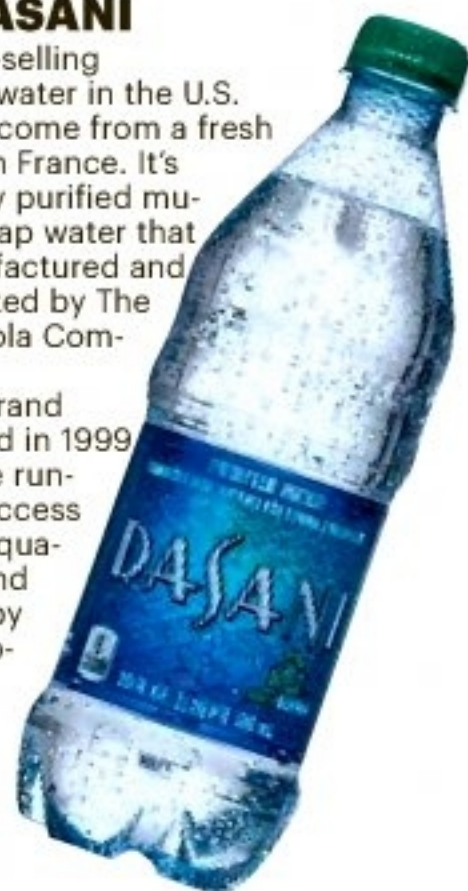
Even though single-serve bottled water is usually more expensive than a can of pop, consumption of bottled water in the U.S. is set to overtake that of soft drinks for the first time as health-conscious buyers shun the high-calorie fizzy stuff. Here's a look at bottled water's rise and sinking pop brands.

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1 DASANI

The top-selling bottled water in the U.S. doesn't come from a fresh spring in France. It's basically purified municipal tap water that is manufactured and distributed by The Coca-Cola Company.

The brand launched in 1999 after the runaway success of the Aquafina brand owned by rival PepsiCo.



2 NESTLÉ PURE LIFE

Nestlé Waters of Canada Ltd. remains the dominant player in Canada with a 30 per cent share of retail sales in 2015. The company added new flavours to its Pure Life Sparkling range as well as L'Orange to its Perrier range in early 2015, stressing the zero calorie and zero sugar features. It also has a presence in the carbonated category with its Sanpellegrino Sparkling fruit beverage.



3 AQUAFINA

Launched in 1994, this flat water brand is also derived from the local water supply. After pressure from environmental groups, owner PepsiCo announced this year that it will revise the product's label to clearly show the drink is made with treated water from public reservoirs.

The brand is also big into flavoured waters.



4 SMARTWATER

Electrolytes and potassium are added to this "vapour distilled" water to give it a clean taste. Smartwater is a private subsidiary of The Coca-Cola Company under the Energy Brands banner. About 10 years ago rapper 50 Cent owned a minority stake in the company as part of an endorsement deal. The bankrupt hit-maker has since sold his shares.



5 COCA COLA & PEPSI

The decline in pop sales has hit the world's biggest soft-drink maker hard since 74 per cent of its business worldwide remains soft drinks. Coca Cola got an 8 per cent calorie cut last January in Canada and shrank its bottle size. Meanwhile, Pepsi has battled detractors with a new tact, marketing a new product line as made with "real sugar" as opposed to artificial ingredients.



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THE OLD WAY: RECOMBINANT DNA

Using a lot of complex and fairly imprecise equipment, scientists can extract and copy a gene from one thing and incorporate it into a different organism's DNA.

CRISPR IN ACTION

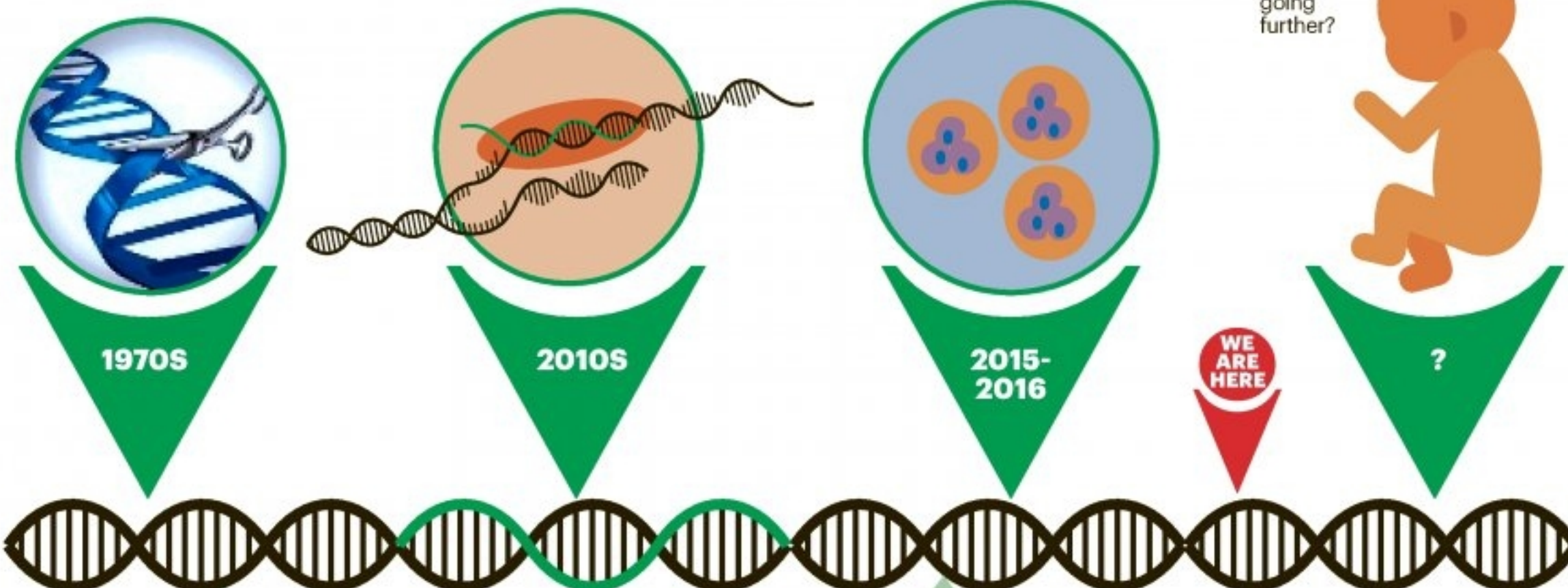
Scientists custom-engineer the RNAs in the **CRISPR system** to accurately edit or disable several genes at once, and precisely select where to insert a gene in a living cell.

HUMAN EXPERIMENTS

In March of 2015 and March 2016, teams in China used CRISPR to modify human embryos — first to change a gene for a **blood disorder**, then to create **resistance to HIV**. They were only partly successful, and created many unintended changes.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Soon science could change embryos with CRISPR and implant them **using in-vitro fertilization**. CRISPR is easy to use and becoming more accurate. What's to stop some unscrupulous scientist from going further?



WHAT IS CRISPR?

Bacteria use CRISPR (**C**lustered **R**egularly **I**nterspaced **S**hort **P**alindromic **R**epeats), a type of DNA sequence, to fight invading viruses. CRISPR-related genes make **guide**

RNAs, which help locate the DNA of viruses, and **Cas proteins**, which snip off bits of viruses' DNA. This wrecks the virus and lets the bacteria stow a bit of viral DNA in their own genes, in case of repeat attack.

ETHICAL DILEMMA

There's huge legal and scientific opposition to using CRISPR to change the **human germ line** — sperm, eggs or embryos. In 2015, top geneticists wrote an editorial in Nature calling this practice "dangerous and

ethically unacceptable." If a CRISPR-modified embryo were implanted and allowed to grow into a person, every cell in that person's body would carry the modification. **And it would be passed down to their offspring, too.**

GRAPHIC: ANDRÉS PLANA/METRO

FINDINGS

Your week in science



DYING DOLPHINS

In the last four years, 88 per cent of the dead baby and fetal dolphins found near the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill site had serious lung problems, says a new study involving UBC researchers.

DARK DUEL

For more than a decade, scientists at the Gran Sasso lab in Italy have claimed to be first to detect dark matter. Their claim isn't widely accepted, but no one's been able to disprove it. Now two other teams, one at Yale and one in South Korea, are going to replicate the Italian methods and see what they can see.

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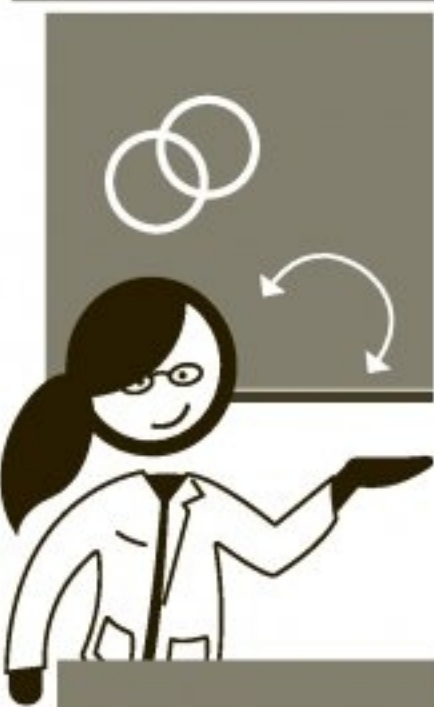
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Is space junk going to fall on me?

How did Japan just lose a satellite? Is it going to fall on me? — C.L., Toronto

The Hitomi satellite, an X-ray telescope meant to study objects like black holes and neutron stars, was launched in February 2016 by JAXA, the Japanese space agency. On March 26, something went sideways: The \$285-million contraption broke up, lost contact with JAXA (apart from spotty radio signals) and was

recorded apparently tumbling end-over-end across the sky.

What happened isn't clear, but U.S. military experts don't think it was a collision with a large object. JAXA's first priority is re-establishing contact; the blame game will follow.

According to UBC astrophysicist Jaymie Matthews, it will likely be years before pieces of Hitomi enter our atmosphere, they'll be small, and most will land in the ocean. There is a slim chance it could smash

into another satellite, but no, it's not going to fall on you.

It's more probable, but exceedingly unlikely, you'll get hit by something else from space. Tonnes of asteroids, meteorites, etc. fall on Earth every day, mostly as dust. The exactly one confirmed case of a direct meteorite hit on a person, in 1954, resulted in a spectacular bruise, not death.

There's always the chance of a civilization-ending impact from a massive object, but

there's no evidence one is imminent (NASA's got an eye out) and there's no point worrying.

This brings up one of my favourite topics in the universe: The difference between hazard and risk. A hazard can cause harm under certain circumstances; a risk is the chance of harm actually happening. Space junk is a hazard, sure. But the risk is infinitesimal.

Science Question?
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'The King of the swingers'

THE JUNGLE BOOK

Here's how one of Disney's best-loved songs came to be made

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



In 2009 I hosted an on-stage event with Disney legend Richard Sherman.

The co-writer (with his brother Robert) of classic songs like It's a Small World (After All), Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious and the Oscar winning Chim Chim Cher-ee, was seated behind a piano and after regaling us with stories from his career, asked if anyone had any song requests.

I took advantage of my position as host and butted in, asking if he'd sing the hippest children's song ever written, I Wan'na Be like You (The Monkey Song) from The Jungle Book.

As his fingers danced across the keyboard, he began, "Now, I'm the King of the Swinger's Ball, a Jungle V.I.P..." and I was transported back to being a kid, wear-

ing the grooves off the sound-track record, playing it over and over. I was reminded of that memorable moment earlier this week as I watched the new, updated version of The Jungle Book. The song gets a remake, this time sung by Christopher Walken, but the magic is still there.

In the animated 1967 original, Louis Prima — playing the raucous orangutan King Louie — sang the upbeat tune but Richard Sherman says when they wrote the song they didn't have Prima in mind.

Walt Disney hired them to help "Disneyfy" Rudyard Kipling's original stories about a feral child raised in the jungle by wolves.

"Our assignment was to find crazy ways of having fun with it," says Sherman.

For King Louie's big moment the brothers went with a New Orleans inspired musical arrangement, complete with scat-singing.

They played the swingin' song at a story conference and it was decided the singer should be the most swingin' jazz act in the country. "When we first got an idea for I Wan'na Be Like You, we said an ape swings from a tree, and he's the king of apes. We'll make him 'the king of the swingers.' That's the idea, we'll



King Louie's I Wan'na Be Like You gets re-imagined for the new Jungle Book, with Christopher Walken singing. CONTRIBUTED

make him a jazz man."

The brothers presented the song to Prima who reportedly said, "You want to make a monkey out of me? You got me!"

It was a perfect marriage of performer to character, so much so that Disney animators filmed Prima live on a soundstage as a guide to animate his movements in the movie.

The I Wan'na Be like You (The Monkey Song) sequence is a standout in a film filled with great songs and has made a lasting impression on a generation

or two of musicians.

Everyone from Phish and Voodoo Glow Skulls to Los Lobos and Fall Out Boy have covered the song. There's a Hungarian version called Egy ilyen majom embernek való by Gyula Bodrogi & László Csákányi. And O Rei do Iê-Iê-Iê was a hit in Brazil for Márcio Simões & Mauro Ramos.

Of all the covers, Sherman says he likes the version by Smash Mouth featured in The Jungle Book 2. Almost 50 years after he originally co-wrote the song Richard Sherman revisited

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Jungle Book ★★★★★
Barbershop: The Next Cut ★★★★★
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the tune. On the red carpet at The Jungle Book's premier last week Sherman said he wrote new lyrics, "because it's not the King Louie you saw in the first movie. This is a gigantopithecus,

the greatest ape there ever was." Louis Prima's version will always be the classic, at least for me, but Sherman says, "Chris Walken does a great job (on the song)."

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WEEKDAY MORNINGS

Big hopes for Xavier Dolan at Cannes

PREVIEW

Young director offers up film for festival's top prize

Quebec wunderkind director Xavier Dolan will be competing at the Cannes Film Festival once again, this time with *It's Only the End of the World*.

The story of a dying author, starring Marion Cotillard and Lea Seydoux, marks the second time Dolan has had a film running for the Palme d'Or top prize.

The 27-year-old has a storied history with the prestigious festival in France. Last year he was a jury member, in 2014 his film *Mommy* shared the jury prize, and in 2009 his first feature film *I Killed My Mother* won several awards.

Sean Penn's *The Last Face*, about aid workers in Africa, will also compete at festival — along with movies about interracial marriage in 1950s America, illness and poverty in working class Britain, and cannibal fashion models in L.A.

The 49 selected films come from 28 countries, including Iran, Brazil, Egypt, Israel and South Korea.

Twenty of them are in the running for the Palme d'Or, the top prize at the French Riviera festival, held under heightened security this year after recent deadly Islamic extremist attacks on France and Belgium.

Organizers hope that the three women directors that figure among the 20 top-tier entries will satisfy critics who say that female talent is overlooked at the festival.

This year, top stars ex-

NO CLOSER

For the first time at Cannes there will be no closing film. Instead, the festival will rescreen the winning film, as an experiment, according to Fremaux.

pected to grace the famed red carpet at the May 11-22 festival include Cotillard, Shia LaBeouf, Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart, Charlize Theron, Julia Roberts, Jodie Foster and George Clooney, and this edition will see the return of old Cannes favourites such as directors Pedro Almodovar, Ken Loach, Jim Jarmusch and the Dardenne brothers.

Penn's latest directorial effort, with Theron and Javier Bardem, is likely to get top attention, alongside the festival's wackiest entry, the Danish horror film *The Neon Demon* by Nicolas Winding Refn about beauty-obsessed flesh-eating models.

Others include *Loving* by American director Jeff Nichols, about a black-white couple in the U.S. in the 1950s, and British director Loach's *I, Daniel Blake*, about a working-class man in northern England struggling with poverty and injury.

Festival Director Thierry Fremaux joked that Loach had backtracked on his announcement that the 2014 film *"Jimmy's Hall"* would be his last. Fremaux called the British director's 2016 entry his "final, final movie."



Xavier Dolan's film *It's Only the End of the World* stars Marion Cotillard as a dying author. CONTRIBUTED

Spanish director Almodovar's *Julieta* is also competing.

American auteur Jarmusch returns to the Riviera with *Pater-*

son — a yarn about a bus driver and a poet set in New Jersey. It stars Adam Driver, who's moving back to a smaller film after his breakout role as Kylo Ren in the blockbuster *The Force Awakens*.

Basic Instinct director Paul Verhoeven features among the lineup with his first French-language film



Sean Penn will compete his film *The Last Face* at Cannes. GETTY IMAGES

Elle, a psychological thriller starring actress Isabelle Huppert.

Adding to the intrigue, in a mysterious reference to the Panama Papers offshore investigations, Fremaux said there also might be a late entry from Panama, "for those who follow current affairs," without elaborating.

Festival president Pierre Lescure said there are 500 security personnel assigned to the festival and they're working with national security authorities.

"The maximum has been done" to strike the balance between security and "ensuring that the festival remains a place of freedom," Lescure said.

This year's festival has a markedly Amer-

ican flavour, and opens with Woody Allen's 1930s Hollywood film *Cafe Society*, starring Stewart and Eisenberg.

It's showing out of competition.

Of the 20 films running for the top prize, three were made by women: Germany's *Maren Ade* with *Toni Erdmann*; the UK's Andrea Arnold with *American Honey*, starring LaBeouf; and France's Nicole Garcia with *From the Land of the Moon*, starring Cotillard alongside Louis Garrel.

The festival organizers have been criticized in previous years for failing to include a wider selection of films directed by women.

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'Nothing will ever be able to satisfactorily explain why somebody like Miles Davis or Nina Simone exists,' Simon said

to tears so I wonder what happened when he spotted the instrument — but I was on my own cultural excursion, which may have included looking for Brad and Angelina's former home in the French Quarter.

Later on, maybe because we were in the city where jazz was invented, or maybe on account of those cold bottles of Heineken, we talked about the Jazz Biopic Trend: This Friday you can see Don Cheadle as Miles Davis in *Miles Ahead*, there's *Born to Be Blue* with Ethan Hawke playing Chet Baker, and soon Nina will hit theatres with Zoe Saldana as Ms. Simone.

Simon, who will gladly watch Ken Burns' 10-part documentary on jazz any night of the week, has no interest in watching them. Why? "Because you're going to see somebody overcoming obstacles," he said. "You'll get the facts and details of their life — and they might context-

THE MOVIE:
Miles Ahead



ualize what you're hearing — but nothing will ever be able to satisfactorily explain why somebody like Miles Davis or Nina Simone exists."

"I'll give Don Cheadle credit," he continued. "He tackles the retirement: where Miles basically just lived in the dark, did drugs, and didn't touch his horn for five years. But even that could diminish him because any narrative arc is beneath the calibre of the art

THE DRINK:
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he created, the tumultuous life he lived, and the indignities he suffered living as a black genius in America."

And after watching the superb Nina Simone documentary on Netflix, we both agreed that it would be embarrassing for an actor to play her — because you don't need to.

But what about Louis? Would Simon ever watch a biopic about Satchmo? I asked him that on our last night

in Crescent City. It must've been after 1:00 a.m. when we saddled up to the Sazerac Bar in our hotel lobby for one final namesake cocktail before flying home early that morning. Maybe three days of music, a second line parade in Tremé, and eating — shrimp gumbo, fried catfish, boiled crawfish, too many po' boys — had softened his resolve.

"Not on your life," he said. "You know he spent a long time away from New Orleans because he refused to play in front of segregated audiences. He wouldn't come home until it ended."

We sat in silence for a moment, sipping on our Sazeracs. "That's why I get so emotional about Louis Armstrong: this genius whose whole thing was just creating joy. And to come out of such misery — to be a despised person in your country — and despite that, to just bring joy to millions of people," he said. "That's something you can't understand in 90 minutes with a bow-tie ending. You have to listen to the recordings, bow down before them, and be grateful that we live in age of recorded sound."

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's *The Social*.

FILM BRIEFS

Channing Tatum to join cast of *Kingsman 2*

Channing Tatum has confirmed that he is joining the cast of *Kingsman: Golden Circle*.

The actor announced the news his official Twitter account saying, "I'm about to get all up in that Golden Circle."

The film is the sequel to Matthew Vaughn's 2014 action-spy movie and will continue the story of Eggsy, played by Egerton, who was recruited by a secret spy operative and trained to become one of their best agents. AFP

Adaptation of *Fahrenheit 451* is in the works

A movie adaptation of Ray Bradbury's classic novel *Fahrenheit 451* is in the works at HBO films reports *The Wrap*.

Ramin Bahrani, who previously wrote and directed the Andrew Garfield and Michael Shannon movie *99 Homes* is set to write, direct, and executive produce the project. AFP

TELEVISION

President previews *Game Thrones*

Presidential perk: Obama will probably know Jon Snow's fate before you do. The U.S. president requested a sneak preview of *Game of Thrones*' secrecy-shrouded Season 6, and he got one.

Being the leader of the free world isn't a bad gig. You get a nice house (with ample parking, right in the middle of Washington), your own jet and, perhaps most importantly, early access to the year's most-anticipated show.

HBO and *Game of Thrones* showrunners David Benioff and D.B. Weiss aren't releasing screeners of the new season.

During HBO's Sunday red carpet for the premiere of Season 6's first episode, the showrunners confirmed that the U.S. president will receive advance episodes.

"When the commander in chief says, 'I want to see advanced episodes,' what are you gonna do?" Benioff said.

Obama appears to have the perks market cornered. But does Justin Trudeau enjoy Canadian perks, like pre-screening *Orphan Black*? At press time, a request for information from the Prime Minister's Office went unanswered. THE WASHINGTON POST



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Not all Jungle Book remakes were great — here's why

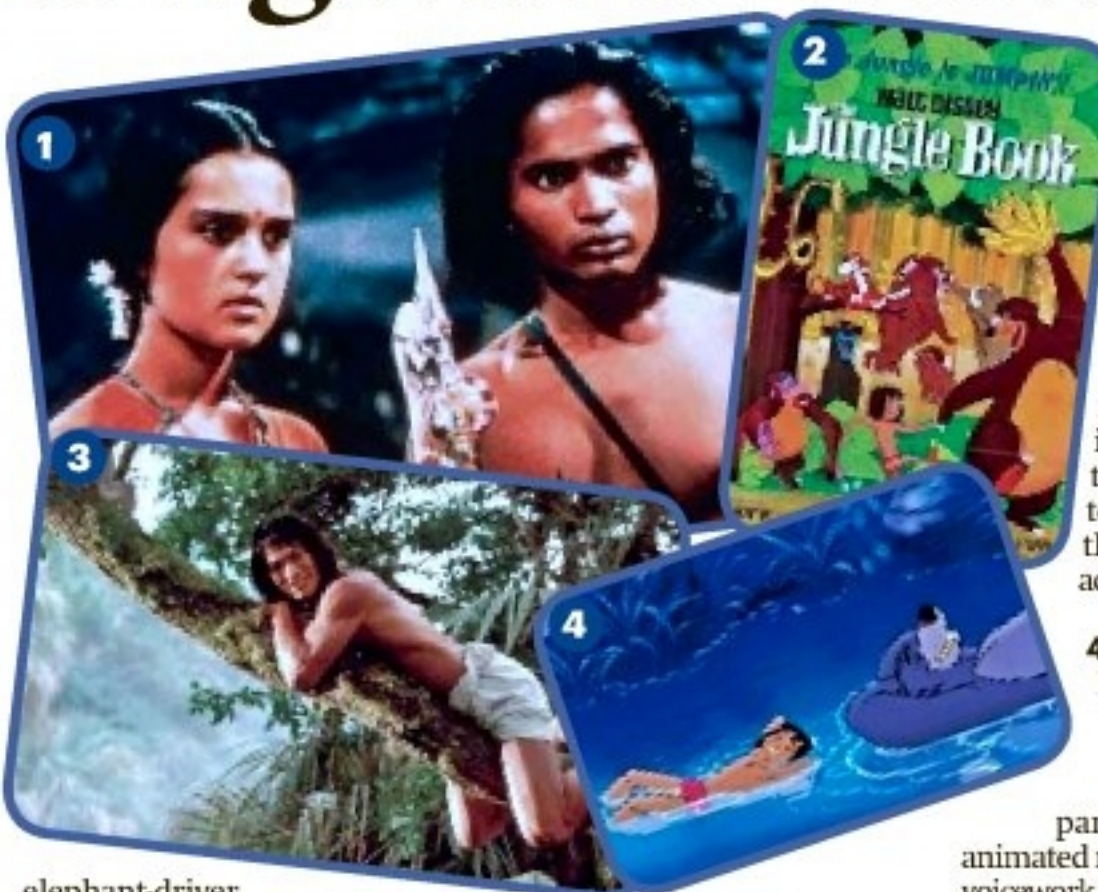
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For Metro Canada



Thanks mainly to Disney, everyone is familiar with the tales of feral man-cub Mowgli and his bushland buddies Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther. But since novelist Rudyard Kipling first drafted up *The Jungle Book* in 1894, there have been many adaptations of the classic novel. In celebration of the newest Mowgli adventure hitting theatres today, we flip open cinema's many Jungle Books.

1. The First Film

Nearly 50 years after publication, Hollywood took on *The Jungle Book* to great acclaim. Earning a quartet of Oscar nods, the 1942 live-action adaptation mesmerized moviegoers with its exotic locales, striking cinematography and the real-life teenage



elephant-driver cast in the lead role. Filming jungle sequences proved challenging in the '40s however; director Zoltan Korda nearly drowned shooting a scene with a huge rubber python.

2. The Animated Classic

There's no doubt Disney's 1967 animation is cinema's most prominent adoption of Kipling's creation. Bouncy Baloo singing *Bare Necessities* may be at the

forefront of most moviegoers' memories but the film is also famous as Walt Disney's final feature after succumbing to cancer. Not only a financial triumph, the cartoon influenced many later Disney works.

3. The Forgotten One

Disney attempted a live-action version of *Jungle Book* in 1994 finding modest earnings and

reviews. Directed by Stephen Sommers (who later unearthed box-office gold with *The Mummy* franchise), the adventure deviated from Disney's hit animation — so much in fact that *The Washington Post* reported the movie owed less to the "cartoon classic" than to the now-camp adventures of *Tarzan*.

4. The Sequel

In 2003, Disney stumbled with a sequel to their then-36 year old hit. Largely panned by critics, the animated remodeling (featuring voicework by John Goodman and Haley Joel Osment) was originally intended for a DVD release — where it should've remained.

5. The Next Book

In 2018 an ambitious new version hits theatres starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Cate Blanchett. Using the motion-capture animation technique used in *Lord of the Rings*, this thriller should at least look impressive.

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At the halfway point of a polo match at the International Polo Club in Florida, there's a rush

to the field by all the spectators. There are those in the champagne-filled tents, who are there to be seen, and those who are there to watch, from the stands. Both move with equal speed to line up for a free glass of champagne and to stomp the divots. The divide between the demographics is significant, symbolic of the bridge that separates West Palm and Palm Beach. "I'd never cross" say some residents, of either side.

With only a population of

9,000, and at only 26 miles from top to bottom, Palm Beach is home to 32 billionaires, America's richest zip code, and where Donald Trump's 110,000 square foot estate Mar-A-Lago sits on coveted Ocean Boulevard, surrounded by homes owned by old money and new dot the shoreline. For a terrific overview of the island and its inhabitants, take the Island Living Tour; either by car, bike or your own two feet.

Polo is one of the season's

central social activities. Prices vary; it is possible to take in a match for as little as \$40. After hobnobbing, relax at a boutique hotel like the beachside Tideline, where you can join a complimentary yoga class or enjoy a plate of fresh sushi at on-site restaurant Mizu.

Do cross the bridge and venture into West Palm Beach on a Saturday between October and May and you'll have the chance to tour the very popular Green Market. Over 80 local

food, drink and craft vendors make this a must visit to get a sense of the culture and people of West Palm. Take a local food tour (West Palm Beach Food Tours) to sample a bit of what this artsy and foodie community has to offer.

With 23 per cent of the population foreign born, there is a huge variety of cuisine available, including many vegan options.

Its laid back vibe is in contrast to the crazy nightlife of Miami or the heavy tourism of Orlando.

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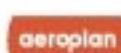
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David Greco stands in front of meats and cheeses on display at Mike's Deli, which his father founded. ALL PHOTOS BETH J. HARPAZ/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Italian food love story set in the Bronx

CUISINE

Belmont bills itself as New York's 'real' Little Italy

A visit to Arthur Avenue in the Bronx means one thing: Italian food.

Fresh mozzarella, handmade pasta and hero sandwiches loaded with ham, tomatoes, peppers and cheese — it's all here in the delis, restaurants, shops, cafes and bakeries along Arthur Avenue and East 187th Street.

Some of the best-known places include Tino's Deli, Madonna Brothers Bakery and an old-school, family-style restaurant called Dominick's. But there are many other places to sample the neighbourhood's bounty.

Stop in at the DeLillo Pasticceria cafe, where display shelves overflow with cookies and pastries, for a sublime cappuccino and cannoli. Check out Borgatti's pasta store, where you can watch



A sample of food from Mike's Deli.

egg noodles being made on the spot. Borgatti's take-home specialties include fettucine made from squid ink and ravioli.

A must on any trip to the neighbourhood is the Arthur Avenue Retail Market.

This indoor venue is home to a shop where cigars are rolled by hand, a produce market, a T-shirt souvenir store, and Mike's Deli, a favourite stop among politicians and celebrities.

In early April, Ohio Gov. John Kasich was photographed stuff-

ing his face at Mike's, tearing into sandwiches and several helpings of spaghetti while stumping for votes in the New York Republican presidential primary.

A scrapbook on display at the deli shows photos of other famous visitors — including Robert DeNiro — chowing down and posing with enormous hunks of cheese and whole salamis.

David Greco, whose father founded Mike's Deli, recommends the Michelangelo hero, with prosciutto and heavenly

fresh mozzarella, as one of the best things on the menu.

Arthur Avenue is located in the Belmont section of the Bronx. Belmont bills itself as the "real" Little Italy, contending that it is a more vibrant community than Manhattan's Little Italy, which has shrunk in recent decades to just a few blocks.

But while the Italian flavour of Belmont's culture and retailers remains strong, the population of Italian-American families has declined over the decades. The local mix now includes Latinos, Albanians and students from nearby Fordham University. Yet you can still find old women chatting away in Italian in the back row of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, surrounded by marble columns, stained glass windows and statues of the Madonna.

And while it's not unusual to find foodies and tourists on Arthur Avenue, there's a certain type of shopper that Greco likes the best.

"My favourite customers," he says, "are the grandmas."

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Along the way, Victoria got cool

WEST COAST

Island giving off an increasingly youthful vibe

It's quite some time before you see even one little old lady as you ride a bike on the Galloping Goose — a 60-kilometre trail from Victoria to Sooke.

It's rush hour for rowers and as you stop on the Trestle Bridge to watch them on the water below, a couple of young women — one with blue hair another with wacky tights — walk past and you have to wonder what happened to the city full of "newlywed, nearly dead and garden beds."

Somewhere along the way, Victoria got cool.

Students from across Canada have always flocked to the University of Victoria to escape the snow, but people in their 20s and 30s are moving here now, drawn by a booming tech sector.

And the flock of retirees is getting younger.

Sure, you can still pick up a stack of Irish linens or get your age spots removed, but you can also pop into Smoking Lily for a periodic table silk-screened on a dress and find plenty of grooming shops for the ubiquitous gnome beards.

Grandmas line up for afternoon tea at the Fairmont Empress, but at the hotel's Bengal Lounge, someone's grandkids are enjoying smart cocktails.

The signature drink features tea-infused vodka, lemon juice, simple syrup and egg white and is served, naturally, with a mini scone.

"I love this room," says Bruce Livingstone.

Livingstone, the guy who founded iStock and sold it to Getty for \$50 million (U.S.), moved from L.A. to Victoria



Victoria's graffiti artists have transformed buildings on Discovery St. into a wild ride of street art. A tech boom is attracting loads of younger people to the city.

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a few years ago and started a new stock photography company, Stocksy.

"People say how can you live there, it's so boring," he says. "But I tell them if you're bored then it's your fault."

Livingstone and thousands of others are coming to the city for the quality of life and the great outdoors, which can involve throwing on wetsuits to go for a swim, or going surfing or fishing.

Victoria is good for business, too. "It's great," says the entrepreneur. "There's a great network of tech people and we're all connected."

On Friday night, beautiful people fill every table at Little Jumbo, enjoying dinner with fresh local ingredients — the

chanterelle mushrooms that came in yesterday are served with a little Parmesan, garlic and wine on grilled bread.

Tables of tattooed young 'uns sit next to middle-aged couples and every demo seems to be drinking a fancy cocktail.

The drink list changes every six weeks. If you're bamboozled by which booze to try, you can always go with the blurb that most tickles your fancy, such as gin-based Tea and Toast: "My good man it took Dutch courage, a stiff upper lip and a nice cup of tea to build an empire. Hang on to your monocle and have at it."

Poking fun is all part of the fun in the Royal City.

At Hotel Zed (named for the Queen's pronunciation of the

last letter of the alphabet) locals line up weekend mornings for breakfast tacos or the mile-high fried egg sandwich at the Ruby.

The restaurant's co-owner Chris Jones — "one of the tall bearded dudes with cool aprons" — says the Ruby will open a second location. "Where the locals go, the tourists want to go," he says of picking spots that aren't exactly on the red double-decker bus routes.

The tourists may also miss Discovery St., where Victoria's graffiti artists have trans-



his aviators and walks toward the 1967 VW bus out front.

The hotel has hipsters in the hot tub, a lobby that looks like The Brady Bunch on acid, and shuttle rides in a couple of VW buses.

"It's getting cooler here all the time," Livingstone says, but that doesn't mean the city's forgotten its manners: "Strangers on the street get mad at you if you don't say good morning."

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Caps' special teams hold Flyers in check

NHL PLAYOFFS

Presidents' Trophy winners take an early series lead

Special teams made a special impact for the Washington Capitals in their first playoff game.

With a perfect penalty-killing effort and a power-play goal by John Carlson, the Capitals beat the Philadelphia Flyers 2-0 Thursday night in Game 1 of their first-round series.

Washington's penalty kill went for 4-for-4 and frustrated the Flyers, who lost second-line centre Sean Couturier to an upper-body injury in the second period.

Capitals goaltender Braden Holtby had seven of his 19 saves on Philadelphia power plays to pick up his third career shutout in the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

Flyers counterpart Steve Mason stopped 29 of the 31 shots he faced, giving up only Carlson's goal on a shot that deflected in off teammate Chris VandeVelde.

Game 2 is Saturday night in Washington.

The Capitals went 1-for-6 on the power play.

Carlson's goal plus another at even strength by Jay Beagle late in the third period was enough to take the series opener.



The Capitals' Jay Beagle fires a shot past Brandon Manning of the Flyers on Thursday night in Washington. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

GAME 1 in Washington



ies opener.

Holtby and Mason put on a goaltending show in a game

that turned into a special-teams showcase. That played right into the Capitals' plans after finishing the regular season fifth in the NHL on the power play and second in penalty killing.

Two power plays in quick succession against a depleted Flyers penalty kill were just what the Capitals needed. When Flyers defenceman Brandon Manning was penalized in the second period for putting the puck over the glass, Washington took advantage quickly.

Nineteen seconds into the

power play, Carlson's shot hit VandeVelde as he slid across the ice to try to block it and went between Mason's legs 16:21 into the second. The Capitals got a handful of power plays in the third period, too, and used them to keep the Flyers from mounting any offence.

After Washington's Tom Wilson and Philadelphia's Wayne Simmonds dropped the gloves and the teams got back to even strength, Beagle fired a shot past Mason at 16:36 of the third to put it away. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The only other time the No. 1 Atlantic Division team tipped off against the No. 1 Central Division team was March 19, when the Lightning struck down the Hurricanes 113-07 on London's home court.

On Thursday evening, guard Justin Johnson shined for the Hurricanes, notching 29 points and eight assists.

Guard Shane Gibson also stepped up for Halifax, putting

up 23 points, five rebounds and two assists, while centre Kyle Hunt had 18 points and nine rebounds.

For the Lightning, forward Stephen Maxwell led the way with 22 points and 17 rebounds.

The Hurricanes took an 81-78 lead into the fourth quarter and outscored the Lightning 38-29 the rest of the way.

The Hurricanes remain atop the Atlantic Division with a 24-9 record, while the Lightning still lead the Central Division at 22-13.

The Canes are back on the road until April 24, when they host defending champs the Windsor Express.

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The thing that had me cracking up all night long is, I go through 20 years of everybody screaming to pass the ball. And then the last night, they're like, 'Don't pass it!'

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant following his farewell game in which he scored 60 points in a win over Utah

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Coach believes past playoff heartbreak will serve team well

Dwane Casey says the Toronto Raptors are a different team thanks to the lessons learned over two heartbreaking NBA playoff series.

That's why, when the bright lights of the post-season switch on, the coach believes his team

will be ready.

"Everybody talks about 'Oh you got swept, you got whupped last year in the play-offs.' Yeah, we did. But the experience factor was huge," Casey said. "I always say you've got to go through something to get to where you want to go. Last year was our something."

The Raptors begin their third consecutive playoff appearance Saturday against the visiting Indiana Pacers. The Raptors took Brooklyn to seven games in a thrilling series two seasons ago, and then were dispatched by Washington in four straight last year.

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Evidently someone doesn't respect us.... We feel like we should have a premiere time slot.

Dwane Casey on the Raptors beginning their playoff series vs. the Pacers on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

From the referees' calls to the ear-splitting roar of the Air Canada Centre crowd, they were like pages in a playoff

textbook, and the players, Casey said, are the wiser for it.

"They get there and they've seen it," Casey said. "All at once you get double-teamed or your shot doesn't fall, and you don't let it affect you as much as you did last year. There's nothing new they're going to throw at you that you haven't seen, so that experience is huge. The intensity of the game is not going to bother you."

The Raptors roll into the post-season riding a record-setting season that saw them win a franchise-best 56 games, including a team-high 32 at home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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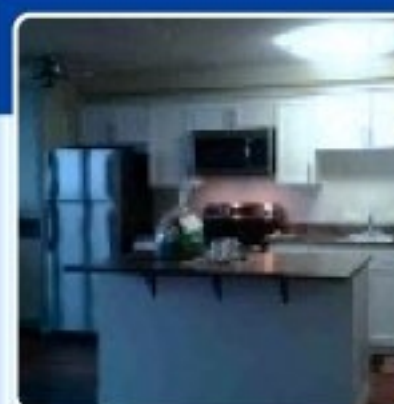
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RECIPE French Toast Nuggets Stuffed with Lemon Ricotta



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This cheesy French toast with its subtle hit of lemon could be a unique weekend brunch but we think what really makes it special is when we call it dinner.

Ready in

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

For the French Toast:
• 1 multi-grain baguette loaf
• 5 eggs
• 1 cup milk
• 1 teaspoon real vanilla extract
• 1 tablespoon cinnamon
• 1/8 teaspoon all spice
• butter
• 1 pint blueberries
For the Ricotta Filling:
• 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
• zest and juice of 1/2 lemon
• 2 teaspoons sugar

Directions

1. Slice baguette into 1-inch pieces and then cut a pocket horizontally through the side into the centre of the slice. In a mixing bowl, whisk eggs, milk, vanilla, cinnamon and all spice. In a separate bowl, mix the ricotta, zest, juice and sugar.

2. Using a teaspoon, fill the pocket of each slice of baguette then place pieces into a 8x8 inch baking pan and pour the egg mixture over the bread. Allow the bread to soak for 10 minutes.

3. In a large skillet, melt the butter over medium heat then lay down your soaked baguette pieces. Allow each side to cook until golden brown, about 3 to 5 minutes each side. Repeat until you've completed all the slices. Serve with maple syrup

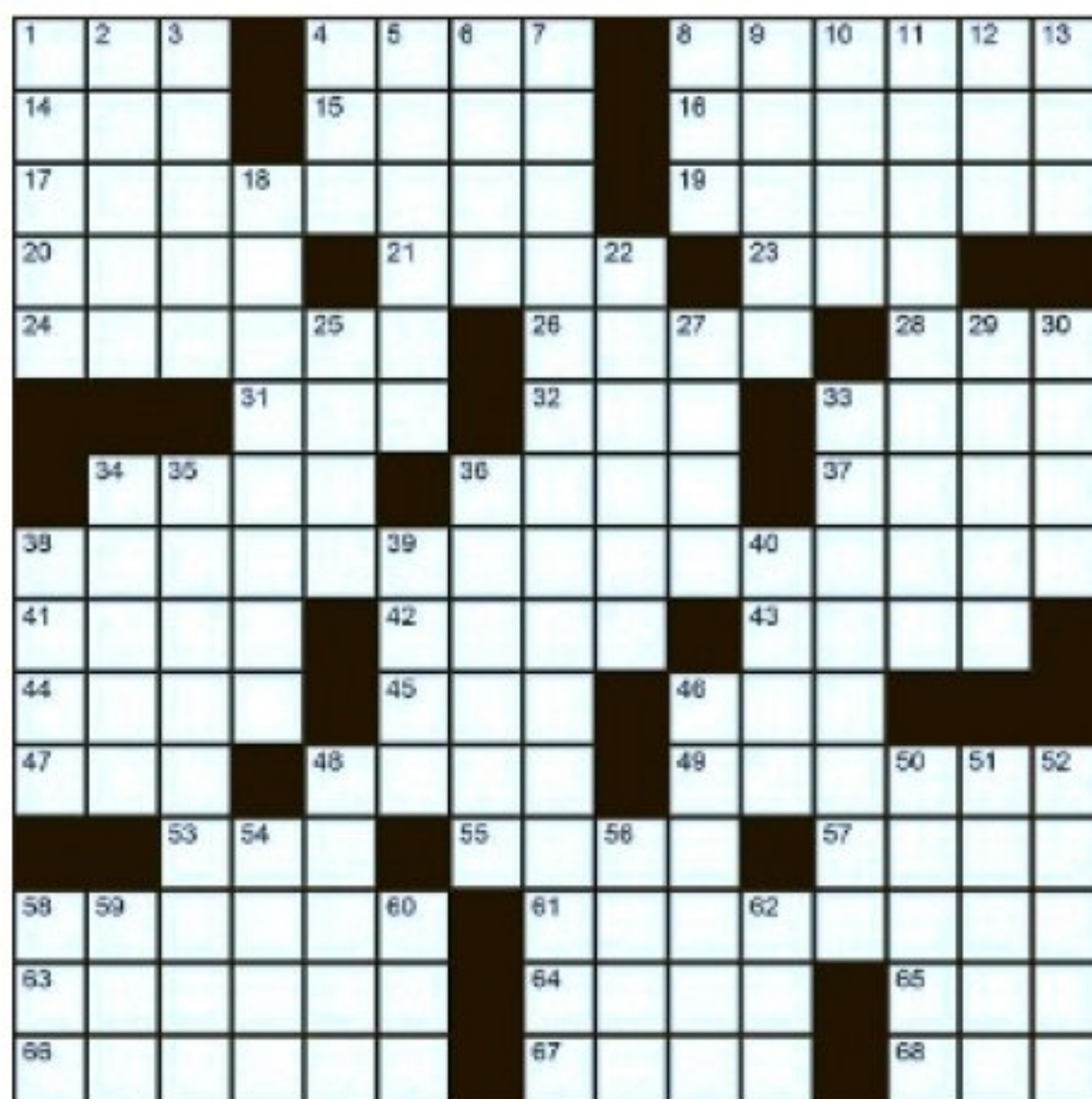
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ACROSS

1. Canadian screen-writer/actress Ms. Vardalos
4. Soup's holder
8. Christie __-O (Canadian cookie brand)
14. Kingston's prov.
15. __ mortals
16. Sign up
17. Bit of info relayed by the anchor to the viewers: 2 wds.
19. Latin for 'and others': 2 wds.
20. Colourful fish
21. Dial
23. Global currency org.
24. Missed baseball swing
26. 1994 Jodie Foster movie
28. Initials-sharers of Apollo's portrayer in "Rocky" (1976)
31. '80s Pres. monogram
32. Ms. Zadora
33. Screen's spotted-sub sound
34. Prefix to 'phobia' (Fear of heights)
36. Sty cry
37. Govern
38. Asparagus, for one: 2 wds.
41. Choice, briefly
42. NBA officials
43. Meow ...meanly
44. Hairstyle
45. MLB's Diamond-backs, on scoreboards
46. Bilk
47. Director Mr. Lee
48. Nero's 2550
49. Destroyed
53. Farming feed



55. Skin care company
57. Roof's overhang
58. Acadian songstress Edith
61. Face-to-face: 2 wds.
63. Motto
64. Haves and have-
65. Commuter's purchase [abbr.]
66. Titanic-survivors-rescuer Carpathia was a steamship of what ocean liner company?
67. Wordlessly exclaim "Oh, my goodness!"
68. Yeah

DOWN

1. Taboos
2. Awkward
3. Battling: 2 wds.
4. Fitness stat.
5. Dr. __ (Food empire which owns the deserts line by #18-Down, such as #7-Down ...while Smucker's

owns #18-Down's marmalades)
6. Songbird sort
7. Prepare-it-at-home dessert product under the label at #18-Down: 3 wds.
8. Membership __
9. Up to
10. Apothecary

weight
11. Canadian athlete Mike Weir's gear: 2 wds.
12. __ Lilly and Company
13. Old music high note
18. Originated-in-Toronto family company known for fruit spreads, as well as #7-Down
22. Human __ (Earth people)
25. Tae __ do
27. Place for a dock
29. Prince Harry's brother, fun-style
30. "Pursuit of the Graf __" (1956)
33. More master-mindful
34. Galley garb
35. Flin Flon, Manitoba is right near this Saskatchewan town
36. Exaggerate
38. Furry friends gr.
39. 'Tele' suffix
40. Archaic pronoun
46. Vatican vaults
48. Complaint to an Otolologist, "___ hurts, Doc."
50. Hit off 1986's 'Control'
51. Call forth
52. Mishaps fixed at garages
54. Aquatic organism
56. Old World buffalo
58. Grad letters
59. Arctic knife
60. Boxing bout div.
62. Sixth sense, shortly

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
TGIF! This is a lovely day to play and enjoy the company of others. Sports events, social outings, playful activities with children and romantic rendezvous will please you. Have fun!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will enjoy entertaining at home today because it's a feel-good day and your focus is on home and family. A conversation with a parent could be significant.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will love schmoozing with everyone today. People are in the mood to party — and hey, it's Friday! This is also a strong day for those who write, sell, market, teach and act.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Business and commerce are favored today. Not only will you enjoy financial transactions, you also will enjoy shopping, especially for clothes that give you status.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Today the Moon is in your sign, which means you have a bit of good luck. (It's an edge that you have over all the other signs.) Enjoy parties, schmoozing and romance!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Gifts, goodies and favors from others will come your way at this time. Today, and indeed, the week ahead, is an excellent time to negotiate loans and mortgages.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
What a wonderful day to enjoy the company of close friends and partners! The world is in party mode, and you are dressed and ready to go! (You are a social sign.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Personal details about your private life might be made public today. Hopefully, this is because you are receiving recognition for your achievements.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Do something different today! Shake it up a little. Travel if you can, or go someplace you've never been before, even if it's an exotic, ethnic restaurant.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a strong day for business discussions, especially regarding inheritances, insurance issues and shared property.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Because the Moon is opposite your sign today, you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. This simply requires patience, tolerance and some friendly accommodation.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Although you are in party mode, nevertheless, you can accomplish a lot at work today. Just remind yourself that if you work hard, then you can party hard!

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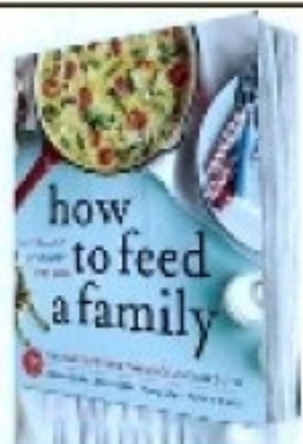
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